

Re: Convoy Updates - February 20th

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Evening GOC update:

New information in bold as of 17:00 EST, 20 Feb. Please ensure proper distribution of the KPs to officials with need-to-know.

BLUF

- A heavy police presence remains in downtown Ottawa, actively working to identify and charge protesters, and tow and impound vehicles abandoned in the Secured Area. [Link](#)
- **Police continue to warn people to avoid the downtown core.** [Link](#).
- **There are approx. 100 protesters at the intersection of Sir John A. Macdonald and Booth.**
- **Of the 191 protesters arrested, 103 were charged with a total of 389 Criminal Code offenses. Main charges are mischief and obstruction of police. 89 of them have been released with conditions; remaining were released without conditions.**
- **Demonstrators who have been occupying a parking lot on Coventry Rd in Ottawa to use as a staging area, have been served a "Notice Under the Trespass Act" not to engage in Prohibited Activities on the property.** [OPS Tweet](#)
- **Impacts to CI, with live data from the City of Ottawa.** [Convoy webmap](#).

IMPACTED AREAS: (Details on Demonstrations in affected cities/regions)

Ottawa, ON:

- Police operation continues today in the Secured Area. Police are informing the public to avoid unnecessary travel in the area. [Link](#)
- **There have been a total of 79 towed vehicles and 191 arrests since the police operation began.** [Link](#) **Of those 191 protestors being arrested, 103 were charged. Main charges are mischief and obstruction of police. 89 of them have been released on bail conditions that include being prohibited from going within a certain area of the protests.**
- The House of Commons is sitting on 20 Feb and debating on the use of the *Emergencies Act*. **Vote is scheduled at 20:00 hrs, 21 Feb.**
- **The current status of the interprovincial bridges is as follows:**
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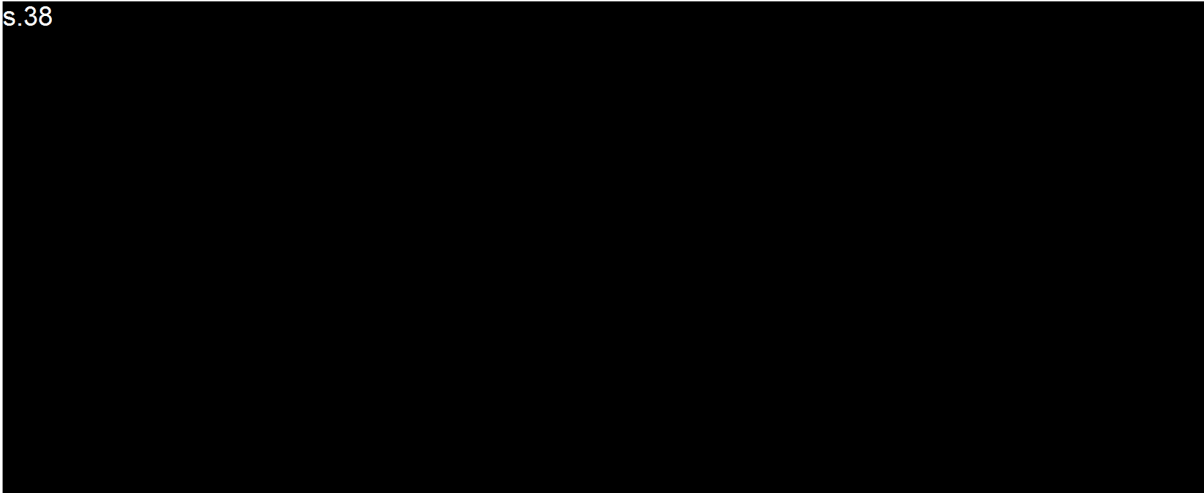
- TC issued a NOTAM restricting airspace over the protest in North Portal and Northgate, SK. The NOTAM is valid until 25 Feb.

Québec, QC:

- The City Of Québec has issued 127 tickets so far. Two-thirds of the trucks have already departed, and end of protest is expected at 17:00 EST, 20 Feb. [Link](#).
- The NOTAM restricting airspace near the Jean Lesage International Airport is valid until 00:00 EST on 22 Feb.

WHOLE OF GOVERNMENT RESPONSE:

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International:

- NSTR

Maritime/CCG:

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- s.38 has observed some images in the discussion surrounding the "Trucker's Convoy" that maybe misleading, falsified or taken out of context. These images are generally associated with narratives claiming that police and other authorities engaged in unlawful behaviour or used excessive force against protesters. At the moment, a significant amount of this engagement is coming from domestic and transnational actors, including ideologically motivated (IM) and conspiracy-driven communities, as well as average users and citizens.
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Financing:

- FINTRAC is working closely with businesses and its Anti-Money Laundering and Anti-Terrorist Financing Regime partners to implement the [Emergency Economic Measures Order](#). This includes facilitating the registration with FINTRAC of crowdfunding platforms and payment service providers if they are in possession or control of property that is owned, held, or controlled by, or on behalf of, an individual or entity that is engaged,

directly or indirectly, in an activity which is prohibited under the [Emergency Measures Regulations](#).

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OVERALL ASSESSMENT: (Derived from information available on open sources)

- **Police have regained control of the downtown area. Streets are calm and police presence is high to ensure that the ground gained back is not lost.**
- **Government employees who are required to access the Secured Area in Ottawa may be required to show valid Government issued work identification.**

On Feb 20, 2022, at 2:51 PM, Williams, Caroline <Caroline.Williams@qpc-cpr.gc.ca> wrote:

Further sitreps from RCMP:

Situation as of 1:00 PM – February 20, 2022

There are currently no demonstrators reported to be on Parliament Hill at this time, and very few protesters reported on the streets within the Secured Area.

There have been a total of 57 towed vehicles and 191 arrests made since the police operation began. *Less than previously reported at 11:15 – stats amended by OPP*

As of this morning, Kent Street and Bay Street are mostly clear of vehicles.

The group of protesters positioned at the HERBS truck stop appear to be setting up camp. Security appears to be have set up at the entrance of the camp area. There are approximately 60-80 vehicles in the area.

Toronto Police Service report that a rally in opposition of the freedom movement convoys is planned for Queens Park on February 21, 2022, but is not garnering interest online.

Open source information identified a protest at Queens Park Circle taking place today at 12:00 PM.

OPP followed a small convoy that was headed to Fort Erie and were blocked by the Niagara Regional Police Service from setting up.

In Nova Scotia, a cross-province protest convoy is scheduled to take place February 19, 20 and 21, 2022

Possible "slow roll" in Kingston on February 21, 2022 at 1:00 PM starting at Hwy 38/Gardiners Rd Carpool.

E Div Update 2022 02 20 at 13:30 hrs

Lower Mainland:

No current intel to indicate a significant event at this time. Intel assessment is that there are wide range of comments and a lack of coordination.

Pacific Border Crossing - 176 Border Crossing open for normal operations.

Delta - PG Convoy located at 112/Hornby: Update as of 0705hrs, decrease in size. Original convoy consisted of approximately 12 vehicles. It appears to have decreased to 6-8 vehicles.

South East District:

Osoyoos Border Crossing open for normal operations.

On Feb 20, 2022, at 12:09 PM, Williams, Caroline <Caroline.Williams@qpc-cpr.gc.ca> wrote:

Midday GOC update:

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- **The House of Commons is sitting on 20 Feb and debating on the use of the *Emergencies Act*. Vote is scheduled for the evening of 21 Feb.**
- **In Canada, all POEs are open. Peaceful protests are happening throughout the country but not affecting POEs.**
- **Impacts to CI, with live data from the City of Ottawa. [Convoy webmap](#).**

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- A heavy police presence remains in downtown Ottawa, actively working to identify and charge protesters, and tow and impound vehicles abandoned in the Secured Area.
- Several blocks south of Wellington are cleared of protestors with police checkpoints set up to prevent people from returning.
- Several streets have been cleared of transport trucks, vehicles and demonstrators, including Wellington St, Sir John A. Macdonald Parkway and Kent St north of Queen St. Roads that have been cleared remain closed and fences have been erected to 'ensure the ground gained back is not lost'. [Link](#).
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Pacific Highway, BC:

- As of 19 Feb 23:34 EST, operations at the POE have now resumed. RCMP have reopened both northbound and southbound access.

AB:

- On 19 Feb, approx., 1200 demonstrators and 680 vehicles clogged the streets of downtown Edmonton for a fourth consecutive weekend. Police issued 209 traffic enforcement tickets for noise and distracted driving. One person was arrested. [Link](#)

SK:

- Peaceful protests continue, but the protest is not interfering with the operations at the POE.
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Lacolle, QC:

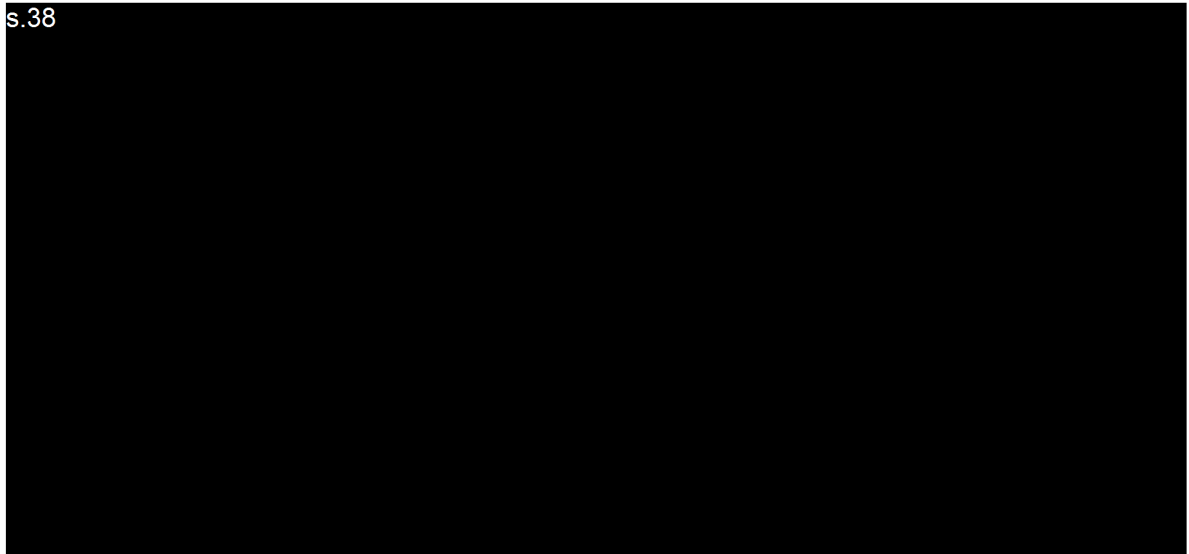
- As of 20 Feb, 12:00 EST, a planned protest at Lacolle POE did not occur.

Québec:

- Four (4) individuals were arrested on 19 Feb during the protests in Quebec City. On the evening of 19 Feb, thousands of protesters participated in a peaceful, festive and well-organized protest. [Link](#).
- The City of Québec erected a secured zone around its parliamentary buildings.
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- **Government employees who are required to access the Secured Area in Ottawa are experiencing delays caused by the checkpoints.**

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On Feb 20, 2022, at 10:04 AM, Williams, Caroline <Caroline.Williams@qpc-cpr.gc.ca> wrote:

Good morning sir,

Latest sitrep from RCMP:

Situation as of 9:10 AM – February 20, 2022

There are currently no demonstrators reported to be on Parliament Hill at this time. Wellington Street has been cleared and protesters are now at the intersection of Bank and Sparks Street.

Fencing installed: Elgin Street to Bay Street along Sparks Street. Parliamentary access at Kent Street.

Three uniform checkpoints established: Kent/Sparks, Kent/Bay, and Bay/Wellington.

George BILLINGS arrested last night and charged with mischief and counselling to commit the offence of mischief.

All vehicles on Sir John A. Macdonald Parkway have left or have been towed.

Occupants at Coventry are starting to dismantle and advise they need 2-3 days to vacate. As of 7:45 AM, there were approximately 22 vehicles in the Coventry north parking lot. Information that they may be relocating outside of the City.

Reports that some trucks are headed to Montreal and Toronto to join protests in those cities.

Port of entries and legislatures remain key targets for gathering and possible disruption activities across the country.

As of 8:00 PM on Saturday, February 19, 2022, the Pacific Highway border crossing is reopen.

BC Freedom Convoy 2022 scheduled for Sunday, February 20, 2022 in Victoria, BC – time unknown.

Family Day Freedom Convoy scheduled in Surrey, BC on Monday, February 21, 2022 at 10:30 AM

On Feb 20, 2022, at 12:36 AM, Williams, Caroline <Caroline.Williams@qpc-cpr.gc.ca> wrote:

Per a notification we received from CBSA, services at Pacific Highway have resumed. Public notification going out shortly.

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On Feb 19, 2022, at 8:44 PM, Williams, Caroline <Caroline.Williams@qpc-cpr.gc.ca> wrote:

Likely last RCMP sitrep of the night

Event Overview:

- **No demonstrators** reported to be on **Parliament Hill** at this time.
- **Several hundred people reported on surrounding streets.**

Communications:

- Since the last update, Ottawa Police say they have now arrested more than 170 people as the operation continues.
- The tabled documents on the Emergencies Act have now been posted to the Government of Canada Web site at <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/policing/emergencies/public-order.html>.

- Minister of Public Safety Marco Mendicino and other Federal Ministers held a news conference to provide an update regarding the situation in Ottawa.
- OPS held a media update this afternoon providing an update on the protests.
- Protest organizer, Tom Marazzo, held a "news" conference earlier, essentially saying that they did not bring violence, but rather the police did. He said that they have asked protesters to peacefully withdraw and that truckers will launch Charter challenge against vaccine mandates.
- Convoy protest organizer Tamara Lich appeared in court this afternoon. Her bail hearing has been set to Tuesday, so she will remain in jail over the weekend. A bail hearing for Pat King will also take place on Tuesday.
- Significant misinformation is circulating on social media, including that police have beat up protesters, that police have deployed tear gas, etc. Ottawa Police has been quick to quash misinformation via their Twitter feed, providing accurate, up-to-date information.
- There have been no media requests so far today.

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On Feb 19, 2022, at 5:10 PM, Williams, Caroline
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Evening GOC update

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- Police are urging parents to remove children from protest zone: young children are being seen in the crowd. [Link](#)
- Police arrested protesters in body armour who had smoke grenades and fireworks in their bags. [Link](#)
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- Progress continues to be made in the downtown core. **As of 16:00 EST, a total of 170 people have been arrested since the start of the police action and a total of 53 vehicles have been towed.** [Link](#)
- Several trucks are leaving on their own in the face of increased police pressure. [Link](#)
- The zone located between Bronson Avenue up to Rideau Canal, and between Hwy 417 and Parliament Hill is still secured. [Link](#)
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 - Champlain Bridge is open
- All incoming traffic in the Secured Area are subject to police check points (approx. 100).
- NOTAM is in effect for airspace restrictions over Parliament Hill [until 28 Feb.](#)

Pacific Highway, BC:

- The [Pacific Highway](#) port of entry is experiencing service disruption. While the port of entry remains open, CBSA is advising travellers to use an alternative processing site due to protest activity in the area.

AB:

- Effective 19 Feb, 10:00 EST, the Provincial Operations Centre will elevate from level I to level II in response to the Alberta Legislature Freedom Convoy. This elevation is in support of the City of Edmonton. [Link.](#)

SK:

- The village of North Portal is expecting 60-80 semi-trucks and up to 120 passenger vehicles during the weekend protests [Link](#)
- **CBSA continuously monitors its operations and is ready to respond, with police of local jurisdiction if necessary, to any events impending operations at ports of entry.** [Link.](#)

Lacolle, QC:

- POE Lacolle continues to be monitored by Sûreté du Québec (SQ).
- The Sûreté du Québec (SQ) has increased patrols near the [Canada-U.S. border crossing](#) in the Lacolle, QC, area on Highway 15 after being notified of a possible convoy protest blockade. SQ has set up a checkpoint near the border crossing to ensure there is a steady flow of traffic. So far, no protesters have been detected. [Link](#)

Québec:

- As of **16:00 EST**, 3 individuals were arrested on 19 Feb in the protests in Quebec City. So far, it has been a peaceful protest. [Link.](#)

- A large convoy comprised of heavy trucks, tractors and school buses are parked on René-Lévesque Blvd, the only place where said vehicles are permitted. [Link](#). The crowd is composed of hundreds of people.
- The City of Québec erected a secured zone around its parliamentary buildings.
- A NOTAM for Haute-Ville de Québec restricting airspace near the Jean Lesage International Airport, as a preventative measure for possible demonstrations has been reissued for Quebec City. The NOTAM is valid until 00:00 EST on 22 Feb.

WHOLE OF GOVERNMENT RESPONSE:

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International:

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Foreign Interference:

- s.38 [REDACTED] has not observed any significant indicators of foreign state-sponsored interference as it relates to the "Truckers Convoy".
- s.38 [REDACTED] has observed that a disparate set of online communities are coalescing, i.e., engaging and pushing similar narratives, with respect to the Emergencies Act and the PM (i.e. critical, negative and misleading narratives about the Act, its powers and the PM). These communities includes s.38 [REDACTED] s.38 [REDACTED] respectively, as well as those linked to ideologically motivated (IM), conspiracy-driven and anti-vaccine groups that are both domestic and transnational. While difficult to measure each community's level of engagement, we assess that a significant

portion of the discussion is organic. s.38 has not identified any significant indicators of coordination among these communities.

- The false narrative surrounding the “seizure of Canadian bank accounts” continues to permeate online discussions about the convoy and the emergency measures act, albeit at low levels. The narrative claims that any Canadian in support of the protests, and in extreme cases, those with views critical of the government, will be subject to a seizure of their bank assets, due to the emergency measures put in place. At the moment, the narrative remains outside of mainstream discussions regarding the “Truckers Convoy”.

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- No concerns at this time.

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On Feb 19, 2022, at 4:36 PM, Williams, Caroline
<Caroline.Williams@qpc-cpr.gc.ca> wrote:

Update from CBSA - Pacific Highway POE is affected by a protest.

Please be advised that the Pacific Highway POE has been closed due to protest activity. The RCMP has closed the north and southbound

highway (intersection of 176th and 8th Ave) access to the POE. USCBP has been notified and will be diverting northbound traffic to neighboring POEs. Border Alert will be forthcoming.

Officers remain on site and there is no threat to safety at this time. We will advise on any changes to the situation. Thank you.

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On Feb 19, 2022, at 4:05 PM, Williams, Caroline
<Caroline.Williams@qpc-cpr.gc.ca> wrote:

Readout of the 3:30PM OPS presser, courtesy of our colleagues at PS:

Opening Statements

Chief Bell:

- Officers have shown patience and professionalism, gave protesters many warnings, aggressive behaviour from protesters
- Responded by adding helmets and batons for officer safety
- A flare was ignited by protester, used pepper spray to disperse
- Young children again being brought to the front of police operations
- 47 arrests today, 170 total
- Municipal vehicles are cleaning up and towing in cleared areas
- Officers from across the country here, police have a vital role in our democracy, could not do this without the support of the communities we serve, all levels of government have contributed
- Aware of protesters leaving the precinct and moving to residential areas, we will remove; operation not over

City Manager Ayotte:

- Thanks to officers and city staff
- over 3600 tickets issued by bylaw officers
- City already working to restore downtown neighbourhoods to normal state

Q&A

- CTV National: When will residents have streets back?
Date in mind?
 - Clear that this is an extremely large complex operation, won't commit to any end time, needs to be a safe and lawful operation
 - We are in this until it is over, policing partners are all supportive
 - If I had a choice, would be now, message is to "go home"
 - Follow up: Chemical irritant used? Can you explain excessive force on social media?
 - Have mechanisms to review arrests, will make sure force used was lawful
 - Escalation has been necessary to remove
- RadCan: have gained all of Wellington back. What's the next step for the operation? Are the forces getting stretched thin? how are we doing with officers?
 - Deliberate and methodical approach, we have the resources we need. We are taking control of areas and crews are coming in behind to remediate conditions. To this point going as anticipated
- TVA: have firearms been seized?
 - several ongoing investigations involving weapons, will provide information in future
- CBC National: what methods have been used today that weren't used yesterday? New sounds today
 - Not going to discuss tactics, we are monitoring coverage, lots of disinformation
 - Crowd escalated around police, aggression, public mounted order unit rode through crowd to not escalate force - photoshopped and incorrect tweets. 2 protesters collided with horses, got right back up and continued to protest
- CBC Ottawa local: how many folks actually charged of the 170
 - Haven't yet identified the number of charges laid, but will be released as soon as available?

- follow-up: are people being let go if they promise to go home? price tag?
 - will release numbers of charges when available
 - will be an extremely expensive operation, already talking to other levels of government, continue to track costs
- RadCan Radio: how many buildings in lockdown?
 - We don't tell buildings to lockdown, we provide public safety announcements, don't control the lockdowns so don't have numbers
- CP: What is your message to protesters and Canadians angry with images of use of force?
 - We will review use of force, complaint mechanisms exist. We have been here for 3 weeks imploring people to leave, this occupation is over. If you peacefully leave, you can go home, that is still true. If you don't go home you will be forcibly removed
- Independent media: police are using video camera, using video cameras to gather intelligence. If they retreat and go home, will you be pursuing those who have been documented?
 - Yes. Will actively look to identify you and follow up with criminal and financial sanctions

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Quick sitrep from the RCMP below, and a picture on POEs from CBSA.

[RCMP] Situation as of 9:00 AM – February 19, 2022

There are currently no reported demonstrators on Parliament Hill, with approximately 300-500 protesters reported on the surrounding streets (update as 7:48 PM on Friday, February 18, 2022).

As of 5:59 AM, a total of 123 arrests and 38 vehicles towed.

The intersection of Rideau and Sussex has been cleared. Fencing established to secure the area.

Possible convoys coming to Ottawa from St. Jerome, QC, and Toronto, ON.

Protest of 65-165 participants scheduled for 131 Laurier (Gatineau) at 2:00 PM.

Counter protests scheduled for Parliament Hill and 474 Elgin (OPS Headquarters).

Currently, there are 12 MPs and 13 staffers in West Block.

Edmonton Police say they are anticipating another truck convoy this weekend.

Reports of another convoy from Vancouver to Pac Hwy Border today.

In Toronto, a protest is planned at Queens Park at 12:00 PM.

Information suggests that protestors plan on returning to the Ambassador Bridge in response to the police operation in Ottawa.

An indefinite injunction has been granted prohibiting individuals from establishing a blockade, or in any way impeding access, to the Ambassador Bridge.

The Ambassador Bridge remains open and traffic is flowing freely in both directions

[CBSA] Update as of 2022-02-19 0800 ET

New information in red below

Bottom Line / Summary:

- All POEs are open and clear at this time
- Peace Bridge had a tractor trailer port runner at 0441 ET, all agencies were notified, including criminal investigations
- There are a number of planned activities/protests on February 19. POJ is engaged at all locations.
- Peaceful protests in the vicinity of but not directly affecting the following POEs:
 - Northgate
 - Paterson
 - Pac Highway

REGIONAL POE IMPACTS

ATLANTIC REGION (ATL)

No protest activity at or near POEs reported in the region

QUEBEC REGION (QUE)

No current protest activity at or near POEs reported in the region

Lacolle

- A protest is planned on February 19 at Lacolle POE.
- The SQ will establish traffic control on Saturday, February 19 on Highway 15 southbound and will increase the number of patrols in the area as a precautionary measure. (Command Post on standby).

NORTHERN ONTARIO REGION (NOR)

No current protest activity at or near POEs reported in the region

Ongoing police presence at Cornwall, Lansdowne, Prescott and Sault Ste. Marie

Pigeon River

- OPP reports a potential protest at Pigeon River POE on Feb 19, 2022, and will have personnel on site to assist.
- POE and Intelligence are aware of the potential protest.

GREATER TORONTO AREA REGION (GTAR)

No protest activity at or near POEs reported in the region

SOUTHERN ONTARIO REGION (SOR)

Ongoing police presence at Ambassador Bridge, Blue Water Bridge, Windsor Tunnel, Peace Bridge and near Queeston Bridge.

Peace Bridge

- Peace Bridge had a tractor trailer port runner at 4:41am, shipping company is "JB Hunt 360 Box"; all agencies were notified, including criminal investigations
- Social media posts suggest that plans still exist for protest activity at the Peace Bridge on both the Canadian and US sides of the border on Saturday, February 19.
- OPP has stationed two marked vehicles near the POE.
- The Peace Bridge Authority has installed fencing on either side of the Central Avenue overpass to limit access to the bridge and the Niagara Parks Traffic Control is setting up road blockades so no traffic can go behind the CBSA facility or under the bridge.

Blue Water Bridge

- A convoy event is planned for Sarnia, on 19 Feb. Organizers expect up to 200 vehicles to perform a slow roll through Sarnia.
- There has been no mention of the Blue Water Bridge or provincial highways. OPP are monitoring and will have officers on site.

Ambassador Bridge

- Uncorroborated information: poster being shared on social media about a rally planned for February 19 at 2:00pm at the Windsor Riverfront.

PRAIRIE REGION (PRA)

Northgate:

- Small gathering remains on a private land near the POE Northgate. The RCMP established a check point at proximity and constantly patrolling the area.
- No CBSA impact and traffic continues to flow.
- The RCMP have installed a temporary video camera at Northgate on CBSA building pointed at staging site. This was authorized via the Director and Security with conditions. No CBSA staff will be filmed nor CBSA property and use is for protest monitor and will be removed once protest has dissolved

North Portal

- There is movement at the farm land approx. 6kms NE of North Portal POE where snow is being removed. There are a couple of protest vehicles present and a flag has been put up.
- There is not really any traffic in that area as RCMP reports. The RCMP presence remains strong in the area.

PACIFIC REGION (PAC)

Pacific Highway

- There is still a small gathering of protesters located at 176th and 8th
- RCMP checkpoints in proximity to the POE remain in place.
- No CBSA impact being reported.

Paterson

- Small gathering remains in place. One lane is open and traffic is still able to move in both directions.
- No CBSA impact and traffic continues to flow.

Kingsgate

- Social media post related to a gathering at Kingsgate Border Crossing on February 19. As per social media, they are also calling for people to camp out for Family Day weekend.

PROTEST EVENTS

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ONGOING (Impacting or in Proximity to CBSA POE)	Planned UNCONFIRMED

· North Portal / Northgate, SK (in proximity to POE) · Paterson – North of POE · PAC Highway – In the vicinity of the POE Overseas · New Zealand – protest activity in support of Canadian protests	<u>February 19</u> • Lacolle, QUE • Pigeon River, NOR • Peace Bridge, SOR • Windsor Riverfront, SOR • Osoyoos, PAC(Feb 19-21) • Paterson, PAC • Sarnia, SOR (slow roll) • Kingsgate (Feb 19-20) <u>February 20</u> • Fort Frances & Rainy River – tip received of possible railway blockage at Baudette Crossing (US) USA · Peace Bridge (US Side) for Feb 19-20, and DC Convoy plans to depart on Feb 24. (Unconfirmed – the 2 events may be related)
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Intelligence Landscape

BLUF: At this time (18 February 2022:1200), the overall threat to CBSA officers and infrastructure is still low, but caution should be exercised in light of recent reporting surrounding IMVE groups.s.38

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Enhanced Vigilance Examinations

As of 0600 ET, no new Enhanced Vigilance Examinations reported

POE	Vehicle #	Enhanced vigilance	Direct Back	Allowed to Leave	Granted Entry	Comments
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		exams (PAX #)	Under Quarantin e Act	Under Emergenci es Act	Unde r EA and QQ			
EVEs reported after Emergencies Act implementation (February 16th onward)								
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EVEs reported prior to Emergencies Act implementation (until February 15, 2022 2100 ET)								
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Douglas, PAC	10	21			18	3		Wro atten to pi Pea Parl
Pac Hwy Traffic, PAC	2	3			3			Wro atten to pi Pea Parl
Total (pre EA)	18	33			22	7	4	

Traveller directed back to the US for not meeting QA obligations. BSO is satisfied that traveller was not entering Canada to attend the protests.

**Traveller met QA obligations and is being directed back to the US under the EA. BSO identified that traveller was entering Canada to attend protests.

***Traveller directed back to the US for not meeting QA obligations. BSO identified that traveller was also entering Canada to attend protests.

OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND MEDIA

- As of 18 Feb, an Ontario Superior Court judge indefinitely extended the injunction banning protesters from blockading the Ambassador Bridge.
- On February 18, the Ottawa Police Service (OPS) has reported that emergency response services (911) was flooded by false calls. [Link](#)

